

Spring 2007



Monaco America News

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Spring is here! Pack up the coach, hit the road, and head for Rayne!

If you haven't already done so, now's the time to get your reservation for the Spring Monaco America Rally in Rayne Louisiana filled out and mailed in! *(Application on page 3 of this newsletter)*

Our club is growing! Our membership is now over 1,400 coaches, yet it is still an easy place to get to know people and make friends from all over the country!

Some full timers, some retired, some still working and vacationing whenever they can. Our club is a wonderful mix of people

of all ages and from all over North America. We not only have members from the US, but also from Canada!

Need some help on where to stay or what to see in an area you're not familiar with? Don't forget our club is a great source of information! Be sure you join our website! Members are happy to respond if you ask a question on an area you're not familiar with!



Want to learn a little something about Rayne, LA? Visit their site:

<http://www.rayne.org/index.htm>

This site provides information or things to see and do in Rayne and the surrounding area!

Mark your calendars for October 2007 and Win!

Mark your calendar for our Fall 2007 Rally which will be held at the Bethpage Camp-Resort in Urbanna, Virginia.

The rally will be held Monday October 15th thru Thursday October 18th, 2007

Even though we will be in the Frog Capitol of the world in Rayne, you don't have to kiss a frog to win! That's right! Just reg-

ister for the Fall Rally in Virginia, while attending the Spring Rally in Rayne, and you are automatically entered into a drawing to attend the Virginia Rally FREE!

It doesn't get any easier than that!

More details on the Fall Rally will follow in our next newsletter.

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Special points of interest:

- Spring Rally in Rayne, LA
- Register for May Rally!
- Ladies Tea—fun social and socially conscious
- T-Shirts and Cookbooks available!
- Upcoming Rally Schedule

From the President's Coach



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Greetings Fellow Monaco America Members,

"Spring is here and the living is easy" is how the song goes, and I trust you're finding those words to be true. If the living isn't easy, make it so

By Al Fetch, Monaco America President

by heading out for summer travels in your Monaco! We're all blessed to be able to live this RV lifestyle.

Our Spring rally is just around the corner in Rayne, LA. I sure hope you're planning to attend. Gary and Carole Granat have put together another world class event, and, thanks in large part to those of you who took the time to write to the Monaco executives with your opinion about their decision to no longer send techs to our rallies, I'm happy to report that we've heard from them and they've had a change of heart. We WILL have some sort of tech support, more than likely supplied by area

dealers. The details, at press time, are still being worked out, but, we're assured that techs will be there.

Our club continues to give back to the communities where our rallies are held. It all started with the Teddy Bears given to the Indiana State Troopers at the Goshen rally, followed by the incredible donations to the Ronald McDonald House in Tucson. And, the tireless Ladies of Monaco America have put together another Ladies Tea and worthwhile charity event for Rayne. You'll read about it elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank you, ladies!

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From The Wagon Master

Gary and Carole Granat

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By the time you read this, our Spring 2007 Rally in Rayne, Louisiana will be almost upon us. We know you're going to have a great time in this "Mural City" and "Frog Capitol" of the world.

We have a nice mix of vendors already committed and are hopeful in getting a number more. We have some great local entertainment scheduled and some other activities. Don't forget our Wednesday evening auction. As at previous rallies, there will be a Ladies' Tea, several craft sessions and numerous technical and non-technical seminars to fill our days plus great food and drink.

By Gary Granat, Monaco America First Vice President

We have a commitment from Monaco Coach Corporation that there will be some level of tech support at Rayne. All of these details have not been worked out at the time of this writing.

RV parking at Rayne, we all should expect a site with 30 amp electric, water and no sewer hook-up. The RV park has some sewer hook-ups, but these sites can not be guaranteed for anyone in particular. Also, those who desire to park together will need to arrive together. All of the handicap sites will be on a hard surface with 50 amp service.

When you come to the Fall 2007 Rally you'll have the opportunity to attend two great rallies during the same trip. Monaco Coach Corporation's Come Home Rally is being held in Greensboro, NC the week following ours. (Week of 10/22) This is our chance to have a significant number of Monaco .

America members at a Come Home Rally. Greensboro is just a little more than 200 miles from Urbanna.

We hope to see you in Rayne and at all of our future rallies.

Gary & Carole Granat

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**Spring 2007
Rayne, LA Rally**



**Let's all get together in
Cajun Country
Monaco America
Spring 2007**

Municipal Facility, Rayne Louisiana—May 15—17, 2007 (Exit 87 on Interstate 10)

Please circle all items that apply:

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| COST: Coach and 2 persons | 295.00 |
| Coach and 1 person | 245.00 |
| Extra person in coach (age 12 & above) | 100.00 |
| Extra person in coach (under age 12) | 80.00 |
| Passport for 2 persons* | 225.00 |
| Non-member fee** | 25.00 |
| Other brand coach fee*** | 50.00 |
| Total _____ | |

Make check payable to Monaco America

Mail to:
Diane Baker
2061 Palomino Rd
Dover, PA 17315
(717) 968-0746

Registration deadline: May 1, 2007.
Cancellations request must be received by **May 1, 2007** for a full refund.

Golf!
Information on local golf courses will be available!

Questions about the rally should be addressed to the Wagon Master:

Gary Granat
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(219) 921-6694 (Cell)
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First Name: _____

Second Name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Coach Number: _____ FMCA Number: _____

Coach Model: _____ _Handicapped?* Yes ___ No ___ First Timer? Yes ___ No ___

Rally price includes 4 nights (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu) camping with electric and water hookups, some full hookups, 3 Breakfasts, 3 Evening meals, entertainment, vendors, seminars, social/cocktail hour and all the fun that is a Monaco America Rally. (Anyone planning to arrive prior to Monday, May 14, or stay past Thursday, May 17, will be charged \$12.00 per night. This fee will be collected at the Monaco America Information Center.)

Handicapped: Must have a state issued handicapped placard displayed on your coach.

** Persons owning a Monaco Esquire, Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight or Diplomat coach who are not members of Monaco America will be charged \$25.00 for first years membership dues. Persons owning any other Monaco Coach model may attend by paying the \$25.00 non-member fee.

*** Persons owning any brand of motor coach, other than Monaco, may attend as the guest of a member but will be charged an additional \$50.00.

* Passport attendees are eligible for all meals, entertainment, seminars and exhibits. No camping is included in this package.

Monaco America membership is open to owners of Esquire, Monarch, LaPalma, Cayman, Knight & Diplomat Motor Coaches.



We have a great time at all Monaco America Rallies!



See all our rally photos at www.photobucket.com.

Type "monacoamerica" in the "Search Images" box".



Ladies Tea and Monaco America Auction

The Ladies Tea will be Tuesday, May 15 from 1-3) in the afternoon.

The A&O 21st Century Club in Rayne sponsors a "Back to School Program" for needy children in grades 1 through 12. We will be collecting back packs for the school children. The back packs are required to be either clear or mesh.(otherwise see-thru).

Please bring a frog, gift wrapped for the Ladies Tea. Please try to keep the price

under \$5.00. Should you have a favorite tea cup you may want to bring it to the tea for your personal use. Any questions please contact Kathleen Mikesich at kmikesich@everestkc.net.

For the Auction rally attendees are asked to bring items that are representative of your own "great State" or your talents. Talents might be paintings, quilts, walking sticks, afghans, just to name a few.

Arrangements have been made with an auctioneer from the Rayne area to assist us. The proceeds from the Auction will

be donated with our back packs toward A&O's project of providing "loaded" backpacks to each child entering school in the Fall. .

Auction items should be checked in at the Information Office upon arrival. Based on the number of items donated plans are to have a Silent Auction as well as our big Auction after our evening meal on Wednesday.

Questions? Contact Joanne Stone at: jostone1@sbcglobal.net

President's Coach

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Don't forget, the Spring Rally is, as written in our by-laws, our annual meeting. Accordingly, the Nominating Committee will have a slate of candidates who are willing, if elected, to serve as our Board for the coming year. It's important that you're there to cast your vote. Thanks, in advance, to all who are willing to serve. I can't begin to say enough about the work these volunteers do on behalf of all of the members of the club.

And, finally, this will be my last newsletter column. After two full terms I've decided to turn the reins over to a new President in Rayne. It has truly been a pleasure serving as your President. I'll always look back at the past two years as a time of true growth; in numbers of members, funds in our treasury, successes in our rallies, and social conscience and direction of our club. I thank you for giving Joy and me the opportunity to be a part of this great organization. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said "The only way to have a friend, is to be one". We

are fortunate to count all of you as our friends, and hope to continue to see you "down the road".

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Lisa Pocholec as Monaco America's New contact person.....

Meet Lisa from Monaco Coach Corporation

While at the Monaco Come Home Rally in Orlando in January, we were fortunate to visit with our

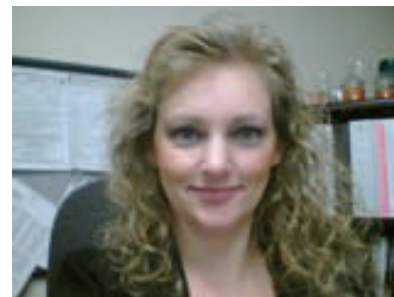
club's good friend Page Robertson, and to meet Lisa Pocholec of the Customer Events Department of Monaco Coach Corporation.

Lisa has been a Monaco employee for the past 11 years, 8 of those years she has worked closely with customers.

Lisa spent the last two years working with the Safari International Club and the Beaver Ambassador Club. Now she is working closely with Monaco America.

Lisa has already been in contact with our Board members and newsletter editor and made several suggestions in how we communicate to perspective members and is in the process of implementing those changes at Monaco Coach Corporation.

Lisa stated, "I'm excited and pleased to be working with all of you!"



It was our pleasure to meet Lisa. We welcome Lisa and all look forward to working with her!

Leah Knoerlein

Tech Topic - Blow-by (Slobber) Bottle

Diesel engines by virtue of the fact of their very high compression ratio, tend to allow compression/combustion gasses past the piston rings into the crankcase (blow-by the rings). All reciprocating internal combustion engines do this to some degree or other. These gases combine with oil in the crankcase and this mixture must go someplace, so Cummins provides a crankcase vent for this purpose. The problem with diesel pushers is that the cooling fan is located behind this vent and it can suck the oil mixture (fine mist) into the fan and distribute it, and all the dirt and road grime it picks up, onto the surface of the radiator and charge air cooler. Some engines have more of a problem with this than others.

I had to have a radiator replaced due to failure of the core to tank seams. When the failed radiator and charge

air cooler were removed, the radiator was about 1/2 blocked by oil/dirt and road grime that was in a circular pattern matching the fan rotation in relation to the engine crankcase vent tube location. The charge air cooler had some buildup, but not nearly as much as the radiator. During this service, the charge air cooler was cleaned prior to reinstallation and I wanted to keep my new (expensive) radiator clean in the future.

The solution is simply, cheap and easy. Using a small Gatorade plastic bottle, I installed a simple plumbing fitting into a hole punched in the bottle's top. To this fitting I installed a length of rubber hose (auto heater hose) connecting it to the outlet of the engine crankcase breather tube with a hose clamp on each end. Finally, I punched 3 small holes in the upper neck of the Gatorade bottle so as not to pressurize the bottle.

Now, as I roll merrily down the road, the oil mist collects in the bottle and settles to the bottom where it can be periodically visually checked and emptied when necessary.

This is about as cheap and easy a technical fix, to a problem that many of us are unaware of, as there is. When I told my wife about my accomplishment, she said "Fine, Now if I could only get a slobber bottle for you..."

Submitted by

J.P. McVicker

Technical Committee

Have a question or subject you'd like to see covered in our Tech Topic Section? Let us know!!

Everyone has fun at a Monaco America Rally!



Great friends,
food and fun at a
Monaco America
Rally!

What do those people do at a Monaco America Rally?

We have fun!

Every rally opens doors to new friendships and

the renewal of old friendships!

We have our morning and evening meals

together on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We usually have several after sale vendors attending, information on the surrounding area for sightseeing, craft classes, the Ladies Tea, classes on different topics important to coach owners, the gentlemen always seem to figure a way to get a golf game in even if there is not a formal tournament planned, eve-

ning get-togethers for cocktail hour before dinner, entertainment after dinner, and much more!

If you've never been, come join us! We're a friendly bunch! If you don't know anyone, you will have made friends before you leave! If you've been to a MA rally before, we look forward to seeing you again!

Order Your Monaco America Cookbook Now!!

Recipes collected at our rallies!

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www.groups.yahoo.com/group/monaco-america

Questions on Club Membership?

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Annual Dues Only \$15

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Mark your calendars now!
The following Monaco America Rallies
are Confirmed!

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| Fall 2007 | Bethpage Camp-Resort in Urbanna, Virginia Dates: October 15 th thru October 18 th , 2007 |
| Spring 2008 | Amana Colonies RV Park in Amana, Iowa Dates: June 8 th thru June 11 th , 2008 |
| Fall 2008 | Not Confirmed at time of publication |
| Spring 2009 | Elkhart County 4H Fairgrounds in Goshen, Indiana Dates: May 12 th thru May 15 th , 2009 |

*Sign-up while attending the current rally for a chance to win free attendance
at the following Rally!*



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Hop on board!
There's still time to
sign up for Rayne!